

COACHELLA VALLEY MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY

Regular Meeting – January 9, 2006, 3:00 PM
73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Conference Room 115
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Tele-conference location:

State of California
Resources Agency
1416 Ninth St., Room 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

AGENDA

1.0 Call to Order & Introductions

2.0 Approval of Minutes of November 14, 2005 meeting

3.0 Public Comments

At this time any member of the public may address the Governing Board on any item. The Board cannot take action on an item not on the agenda, but it can place it on the agenda for a future meeting.

4.0 Discussion/Information item

4.1 Acquisition priorities. [See Attachment 1.]

4.2 Update on actions by CVAG or other entities regarding Off Highway Vehicle issues.

5.0 Closed Session – No matters are scheduled.

Pursuant to Government Code sections 11126 (a)(1), 11126 (e)(1) and 11126.3(a) the Board may hold a closed session to discuss and take possible action on personnel matters and or receive advice of counsel on pending or potential litigation. In addition, pursuant to Government Code section 11126 (c) 7 (A) the Board may meet in closed session with its negotiator prior to the purchase or sale of real property by or for the state body to give instructions to its negotiator regarding the price and terms of payment for the purchase or sale. Confidential memoranda related to these issues may be considered during such closed session discussions.

6.0 Action Items

None

7.0 Reports

7.1 Fiscal and Administration [See Attachment 2.]

7.2 Acquisitions and Funding [See Attachment 2.]

7.3 MSHCP/NCCP [See Attachment 2.]

7.4 Attorney General's Report [See Attachment 2.]

Reports (continued)

7.5 Board Member comments and reports from Conservancy member agencies. This is an opportunity for any of the Governing Board Members to present a report on matters of interest regarding the agency he or she represents.

8.0 Adjourn to March 13, 2006 meeting.

***NOTICE OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING:**

One member of the Conservancy Board, Patrick Kemp, will attend the meeting via teleconference. The location of this teleconference site is open to the public and accessible to the disabled.

This agenda is available on our website at <http://www.cvmc.ca.gov>. Anyone with questions about any item on the agenda may contact Katie Barrows or Bill Havert at 73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 205 Palm Desert, CA 92260. The phone number is (760) 776-5026.

ATTACHMENT 1 – January 9, 2006

Agenda Item 4.1 Acquisition priorities.

At present, the Conservancy has approximately \$2,222,300 remaining in Prop 40 acquisition funds. There is one approved local assistance grant for up to \$1,790,700, which funds have not yet been expended. It is anticipated that the grant project will come to fruition and these funds expended in the next two months, but there is also some chance that the project will not proceed, in which case these funds would become available for new projects. Assuming the grant project proceeds, there would remain approximately \$431,600 for other projects. Staff wishes to use the January meeting to discuss acquisition priorities for these funds. We can also discuss priorities for the \$1,790,700, should that money become available.

Staff will provide maps and background information about potential project areas at the meeting to facilitate discussion by the Board. This is a discussion item, rather than an action item, as there are no specific projects to which to commit funds at this time.

ATTACHMENT 2 - January 9, 2006

Agenda Item 7.0: Reports

7.1 Fiscal and Administration

Kerrie Marshall has been hired as the full time Executive Secretary. This is a temporary appointment, pending compliance with civil service requirements.

7.2 Acquisitions and Funding

A coalition of environmental organizations has drafted a park and open space bond measure, which they will seek to place on the November 2006 ballot through either legislative action or the initiative process. In the measure drafted by the environmental organizations, the Conservancy would receive \$36 million for acquisitions; this is the same amount as the other comparable state conservancies. In SB 153 the bond measure not approved for the ballot in the 2005 session, but which could be the vehicle for a legislature-sponsored bond measure in 2006, the Conservancy would receive only \$20 million, half of what the other comparable state conservancies would receive.

7.3 Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan (Plan)

The Draft Final Plan, Draft Final Implementing Agreement, and the Final EIR/EIS have been distributed to the Permittees, and will be considered by the CVAG Executive Committee on February 6.

7.4 Attorney General's Report.

Clara Slifkin will provide an oral report as needed at the meeting.